

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: BEIRUT PORT 1977 STATISTICS

1. MOVEMENT THROUGH THE PORT OF BEIRUT REBOUNDED REMARKABLY IN 1977. YEAR-END FIGURES PROVIDED THE EMBASSY BY THE PORT AUTHORITIES INDICATE TOTAL CARGO TONNAGE DISEMBARKED IN 1977 WAS 54 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT IN THE PEAK PRE-WAR YEAR OF 1974. TOTAL SHIPS CALLING REACHED 77 PERCENT AND SHIP TONNAGE 59 PERCENT OF THE 1974 LEVELS. FIGURES INDICATE AVERAGE SHIP WAS SMALLER IN 1977 THAN IN 1974 AND DISCHARGED SLIGHTLY LOWER PROPORTION OF ITS TOTAL CARGO IN BEIRUT.

2. DATA FOLLOW:

(A)	(B)	(A/B)
1977	1974	PERCENT

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CARGO TONS	2,187,390	4,079,387	54
SHIPS	2,783	3,612	77
SHIP TONS	3,120,365	5,277,359	59

3. TOTALS CONCEAL REMARKABLE FACT THAT PORT, WITH LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT OF PRE-WAR COVERED STORAGE (WAREHOUSING), WAS ABLE

DISEMBARK 70 OR MORE PERCENT OF PRE-WAR CARGO VOLUME IN AUGUST, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER AND 89 PERCENT OF PRE-WAR VOLUME IN PEAK MONTH OCTOBER. DESERVED CREDIT GOES TO \$5 MILLION USAID REHABILITATION PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDED CRANES, FORKLIFTS, TARPULINS AND FENDERS BEGINNING APRIL 1977. FIRST OF FOUR USAID WAREHOUSES OPENED FOR BUSINESS IN DECEMBER 1977, WAS NOT A FACTOR IN THESE STATISTICS.

4. GOODS LOADED AT BEIRUT DURING 1977 WERE SHARPLY LOWER AT ABOUT 18 PERCENT OF 1974 LEVEL.  
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